

More Words in School – Classification Activity

Teaching Notes



These materials can be used for many activities to support pupils who are developing their English skills. It teaches the vocabulary for items that can then be classified into the following groups: classroom equipment, school furniture, school fittings, clothes, colours and patterns. This activity can also be used to classify objects according to the materials they are made from.

Items to be printed

1 4 sheets of A4 teaching notes.

2 10 sheets of A4 picture cards.

3 15 sheets of words.

68 picture cards in total

Classroom Equipment
21 picture/word cards

School Furniture
13 picture/word cards

School Fittings
13 picture/word cards

Clothes
21 picture/word cards

Colours
11 word cards

Patterns
3 word cards

Materials
9 word cards

Punctuation
9 full stops
7 commas

Starter Sentences

This is an...

These are...

This is a...

It is made from...

It is...

5 starter sentences in total.

Headings (see materials list)

Made from...

10 in total

How to make it up

1 Laminate all the sheets.

2 Cut the picture and word cards along the grey lines.

3 Put the picture/word cards for each of the groupings into separate self seal bags with these headings:

Classroom Equipment

School Furniture

School Fittings

Clothes

Colours

Patterns/Materials/Punctuation

Language

Classroom Equipment

apron

book

book bag

compass

computer

crayon

exercise book

felt pen

floppy disk

folders

keyboard

mouse

paint brush

paper

pencil

pencil sharpener

printer

protractor

rubber

ruler

set square

School Furniture	bench	red
	book corner	white
	chair	yellow
	cupboard	
	door	
	drawers	
	filing cabinet	
	lockers	
	sink	
	table	
	table and chairs	
	toilet	
	window	

School Fittings	blind
	carpet
	coat peg
	curtains
	door handle
	electric plug and socket
	key
	key hole
	light switch
	plug (electric)
	plug (sink)
	plug hole
	tap

Clothes	belt
	cardigan
	coat
	dress
	jacket
	leotard
	PE bag
	school bag
	shirt
	shorts
	socks
	sweatshirt
	swimming costume
	swimming trunks
	T shirt
	tie
	tights
	towel
	tracksuit
	trainers
trousers	

Colours	black
	blue
	brown
	green
	grey
	orange
	pink
	purple

Patterns	checks
	spots
	stripes
Materials	fabric
	glass
	leather
	metal
	paper
	plastic
	rubber
	wax
	wood

Language Structures

Stage 1

What is this?/What are these?

This is a/an.../These are...

This is a tap. /These are socks.

Can I have...?

Can I have the card with the tap?

Can I have the card with the socks?

Have you got...?

Have you got the card with the tap?

Have you got the card with the socks?

What colour is it?/What colour are they?

It is grey./They are red and white.

How many objects are...

How many objects are grey?

How many objects are red or white?

Stage 2

Which group does the... go in?

The tap goes in school fittings group.

What is the...made from?

What is the tap made from?

It's made from...

It's made from metal.

When do you use a...?

When do you use a tap?

I use a/an... to....

I use a tap to get water.

Suggested Activities

Stage 1

Please include children with a good command of English who can act as good language models. Every time new vocabulary is taught, recycle or revise the previous vocabulary, language structures and colours.

- Teach vocabulary using the cards. (It is recommended that the vocabulary relevant to your school is used). Teach no more than 5 items of vocabulary in each session.
- Teach the colours. (It is suggested that the pupils are taught red, blue, green and yellow first). *brown, grey, white, yellow, blue, orange, red, green, pink, purple and black.*
- Pupils can sort the objects by colour.
- Memory recall: To develop memory put 6 cards on a table. Give the pupils some time to look at them and then cover the cards with material. Take one card away. The pupils have to guess which object is missing.
- Match the object with the correct word. (Use initial sound recognition for very young children or children who are not yet literate).
- Make sentences using the prepared sentences eg: This is a/an...
(word and picture ending in full stop.)

Stage 2

- Teach more advanced vocabulary (such as words from the **School Fittings** list).
- Pupils can sort the various picture cards under the different categories:
Classroom Equipment
School Furniture
School Fittings
Clothes
- Pupils can sort the picture cards under the materials headings:
Made from metal
Made from plastic
Made from wood
Made from fabric
Made from glass
Made from wax
Made from paper
Made from rubber
Made from leather
Made from many things

- Encourage lots of talk around the discussion, extending sentences to include as much description as possible eg:
This is an electric socket.
It is grey and white.
It is made from plastic and metal.

- Listening Practice: A child/teaching assistant chooses a card and describes it, without naming the object.
It is green and grey. It is made from plastic and metal and it is used in a computer.

The other children then guess what it is. **(floppy disk).**

- Questioning: A child chooses a card. The other children ask eliminating questions to find out what it is.
Is it red?
Is it made from wood?
Can you wear it?

Most questions should be answerable with yes or no.

- Match the pictures with the words.
- Make sentences using the prepared sentence and word cards and include commas and full stops. A Velcro board can easily be made for this purpose.

Velcro Board: Laminate some A4 card. Use strips of loop from a Velcro pack (Consortium ref 006763). You should be able to stick 4 strips of loop on A4 landscape card. Put Velcro hooks on the back of the sentence starters and words you wish to use.

Follow up activities

- Matching: For smaller items the children can find the object in the classroom and place it on the relevant card. For larger items, the picture or word card can be stuck on to the object with blu-tac.
- Put an object in a feely bag and children guess what the object is.
- Bingo: Make copies of the blank grid and laminate (up to 4).

Stage 1: Place a variety of pictures on the grid. Pull out unifix cubes. Children can put a unifix cube on a picture with the same colour and name the object eg: **It's a yellow pencil.**

Stage 2: Put pictures on grid and corresponding names for objects in a bag. Pupils read the word and match it to the picture.

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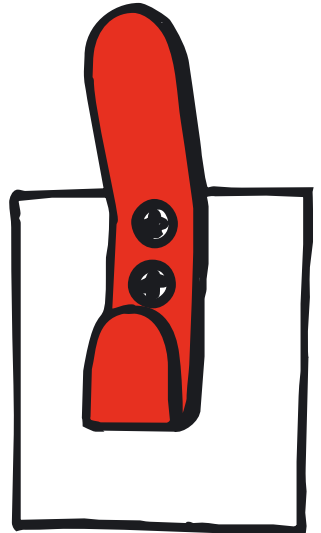
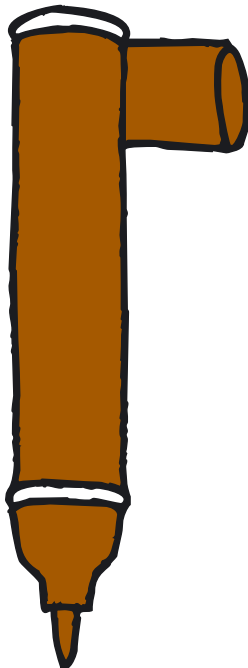
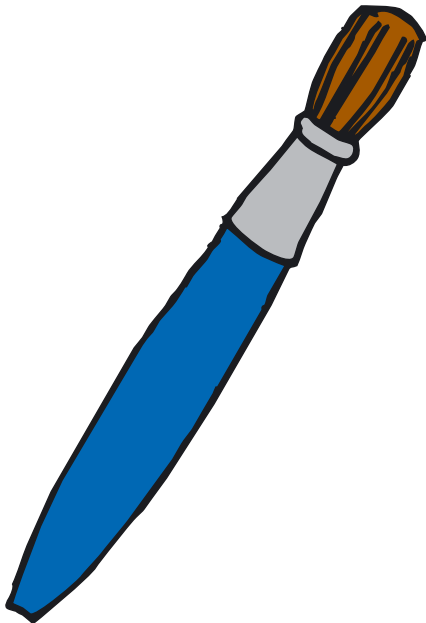
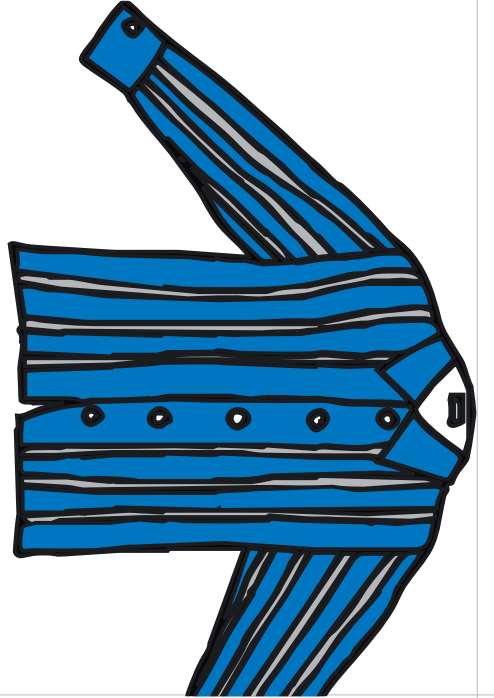
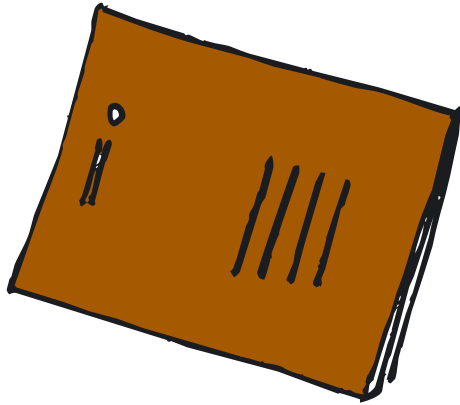
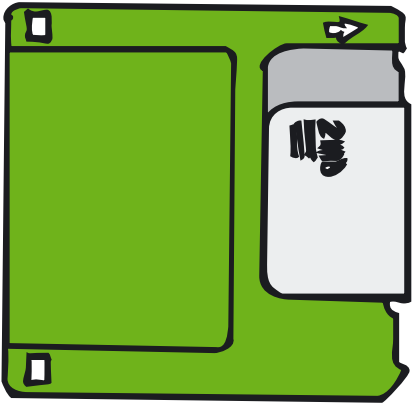
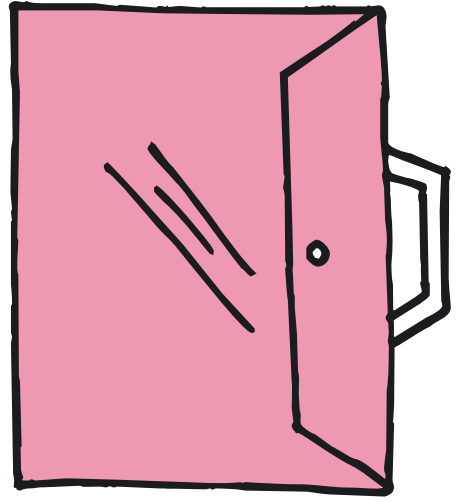
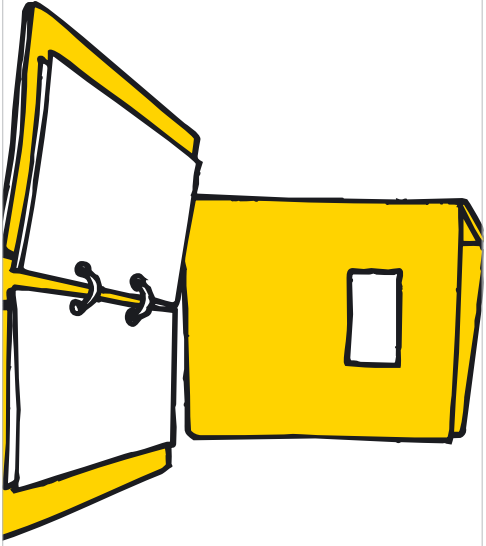


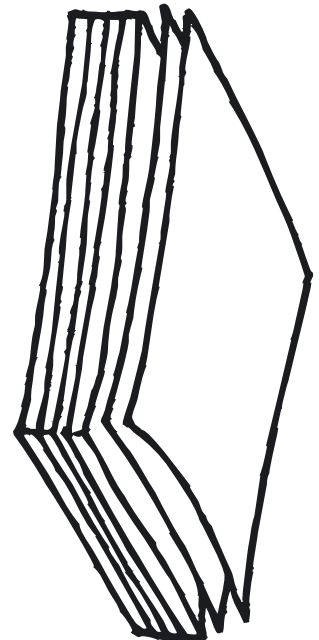
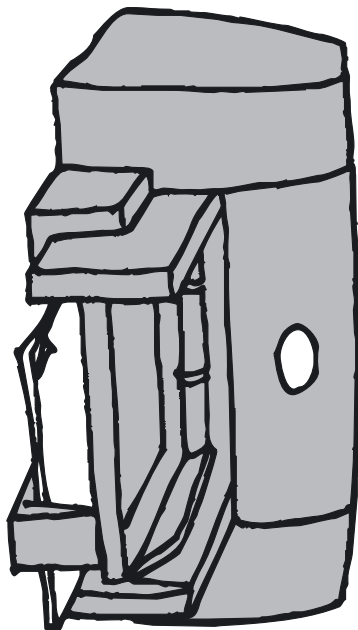
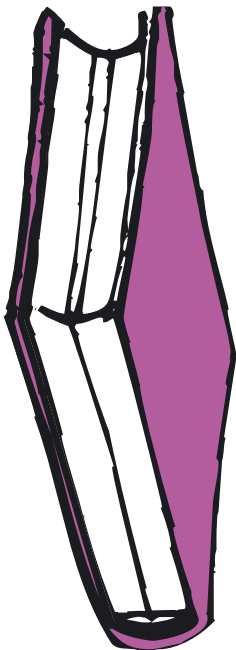
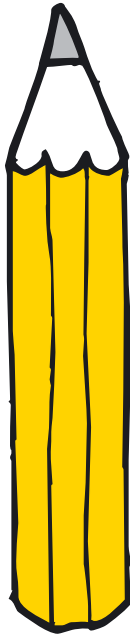
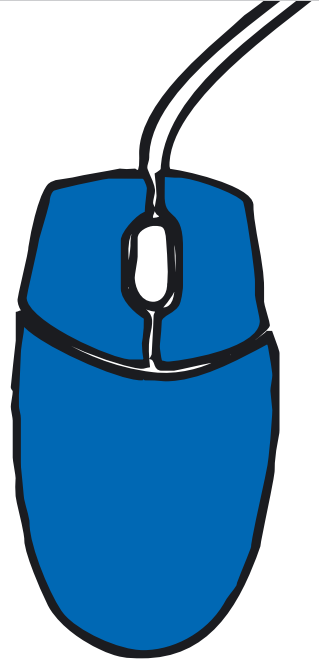
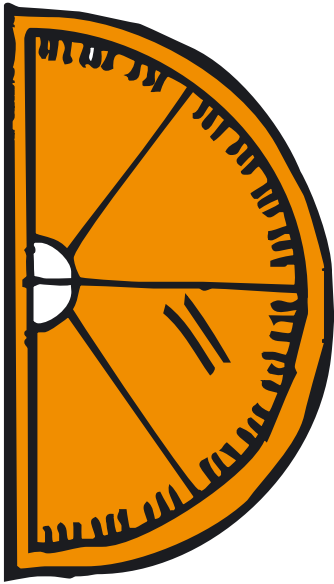
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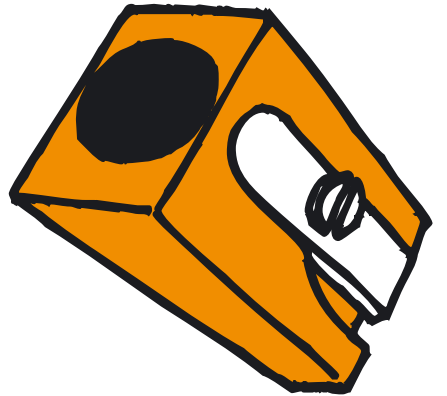
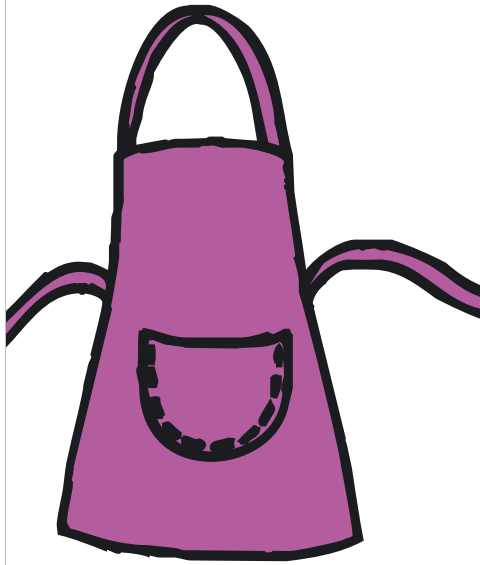
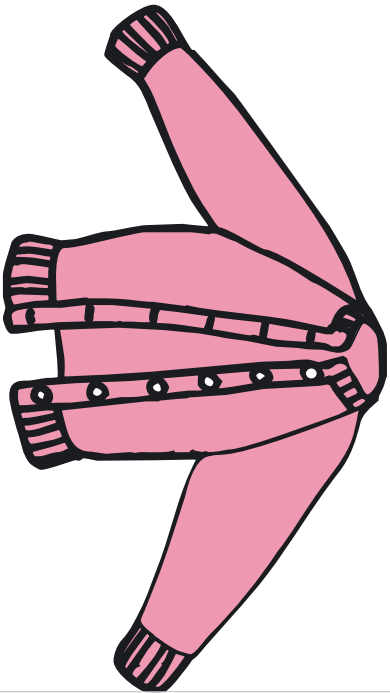
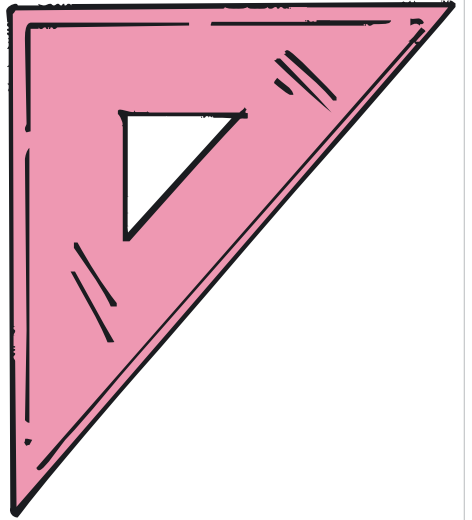
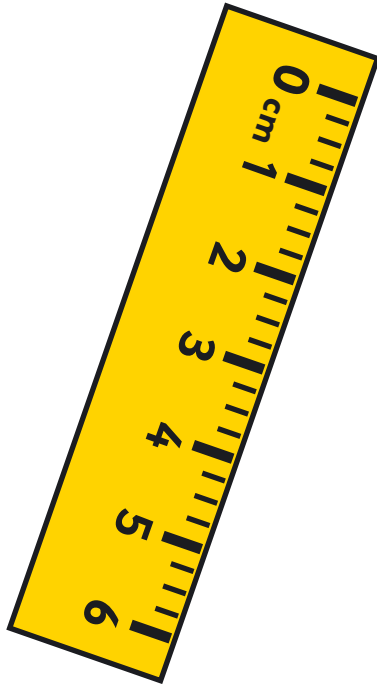
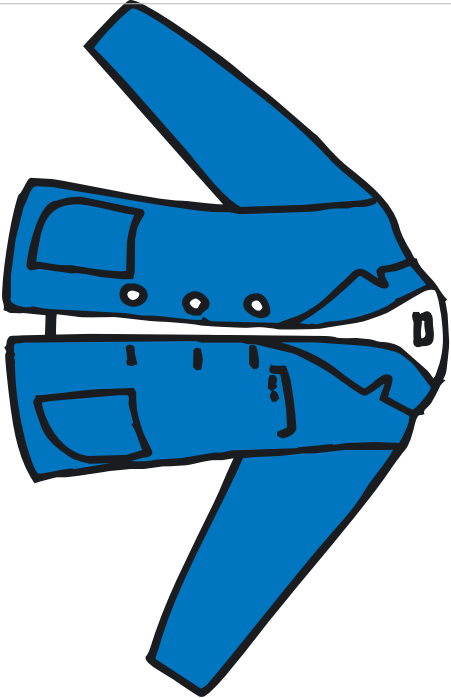
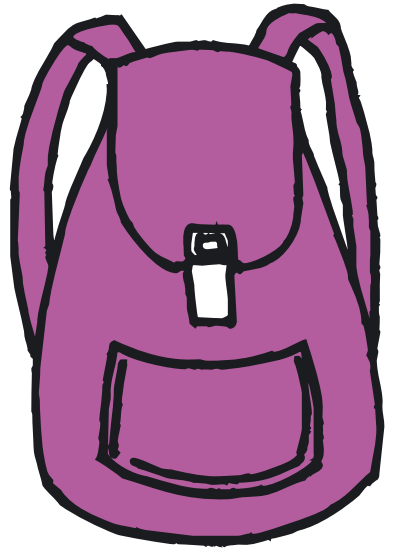
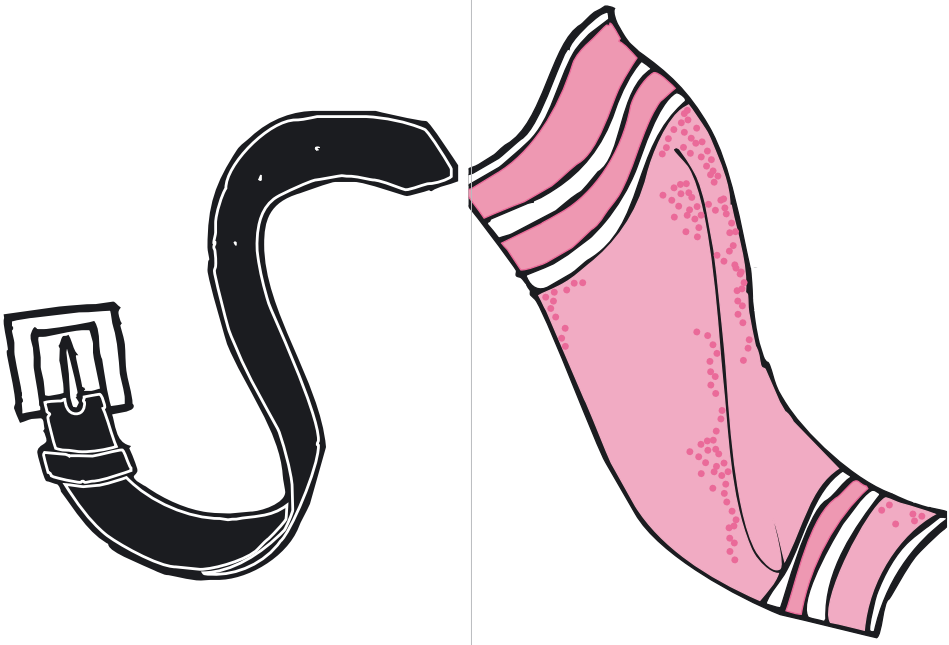
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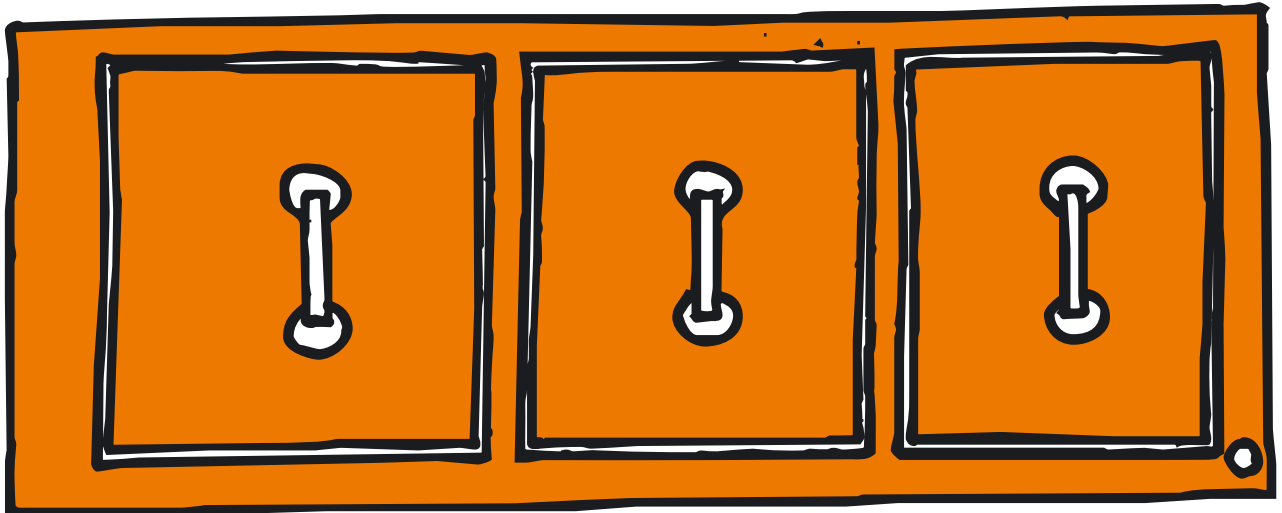
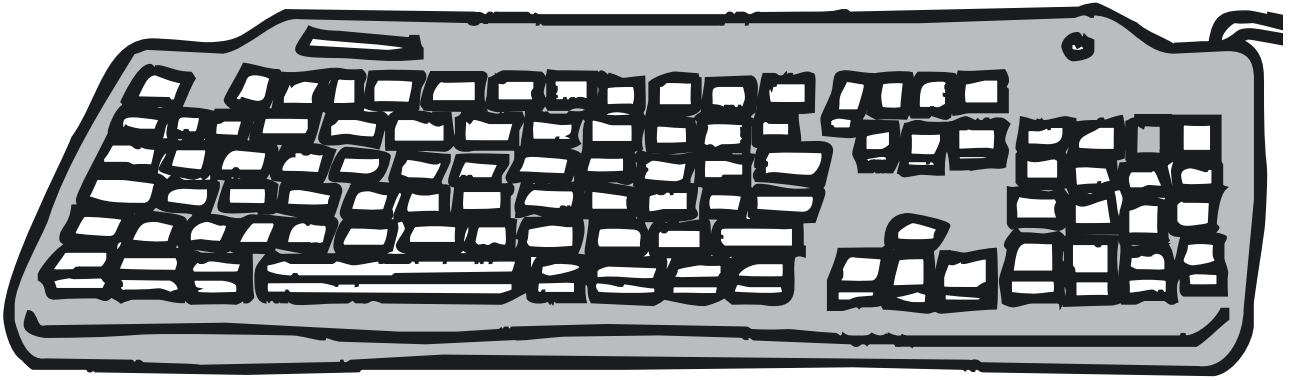
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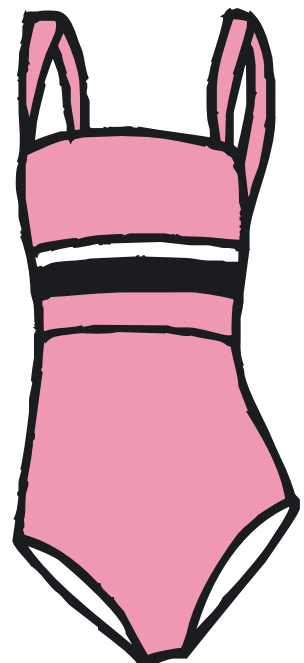
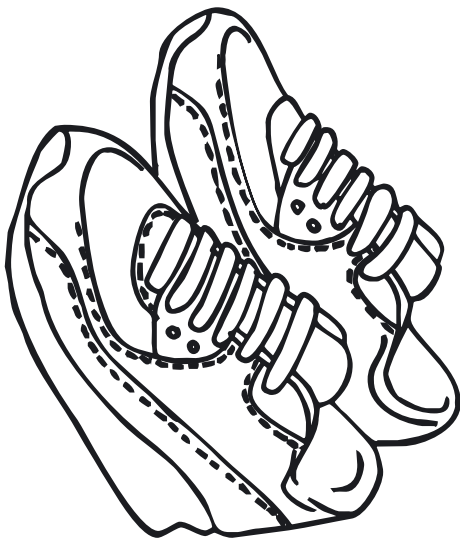
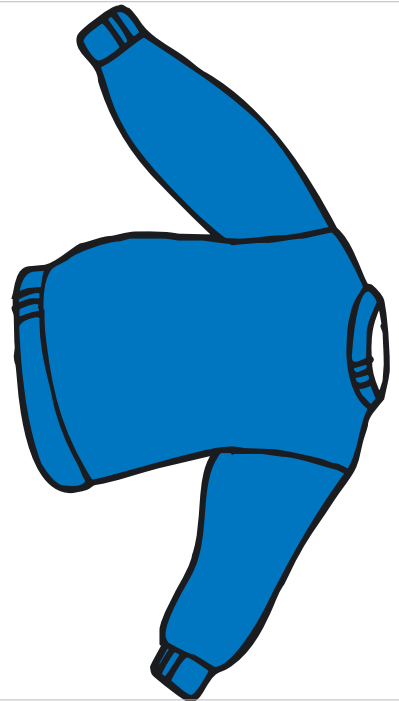
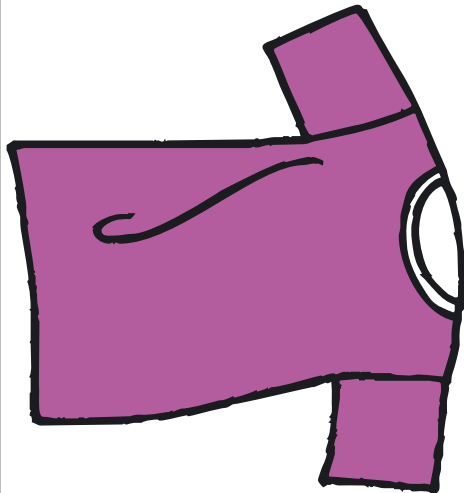
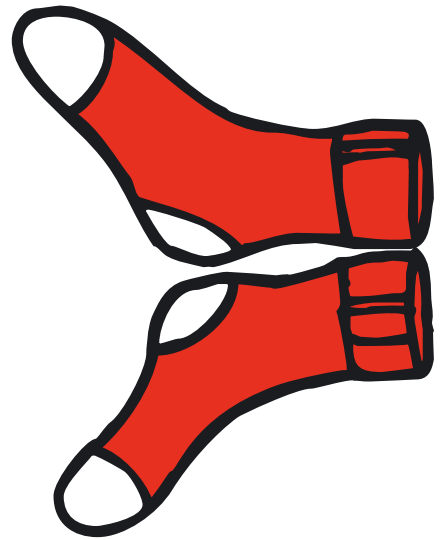
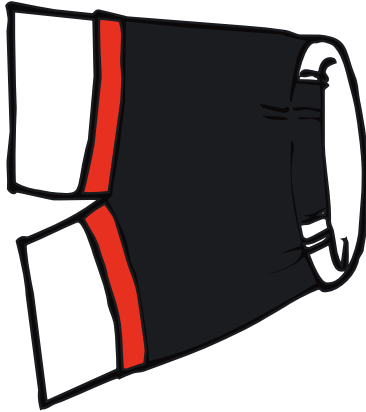
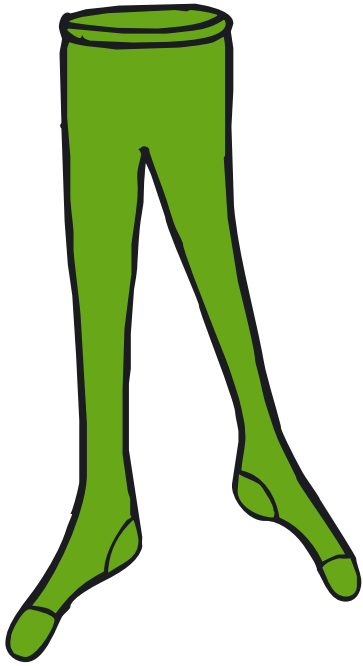
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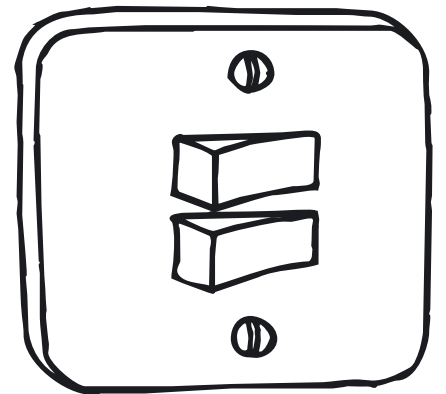
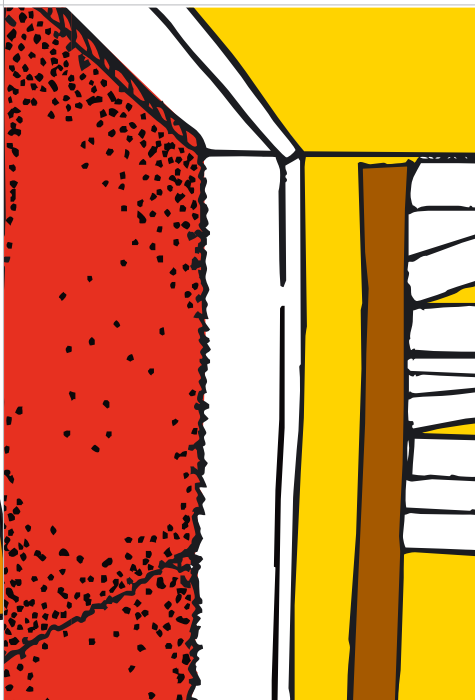
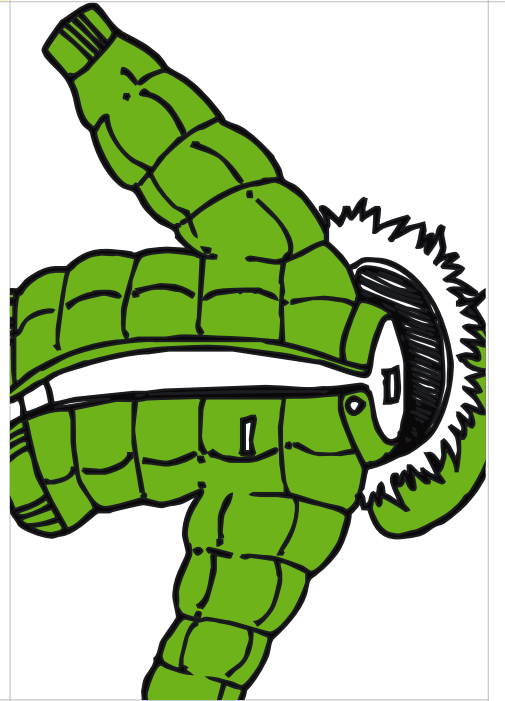
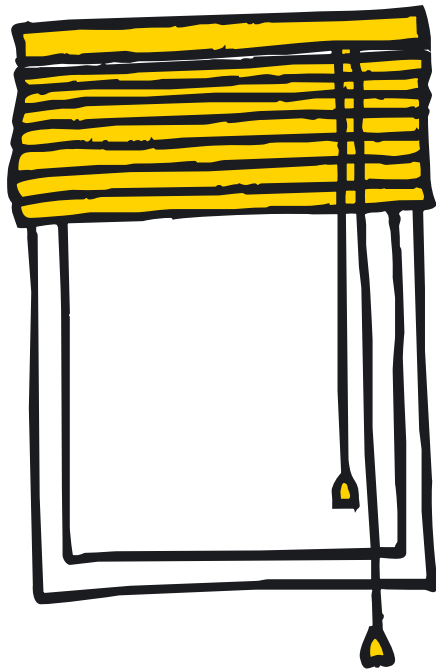
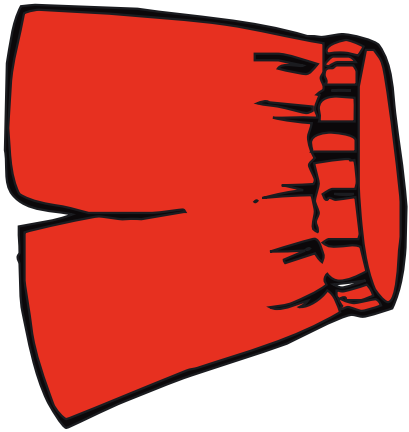
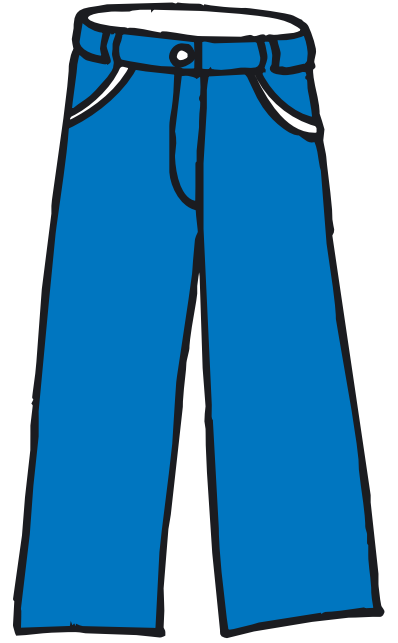
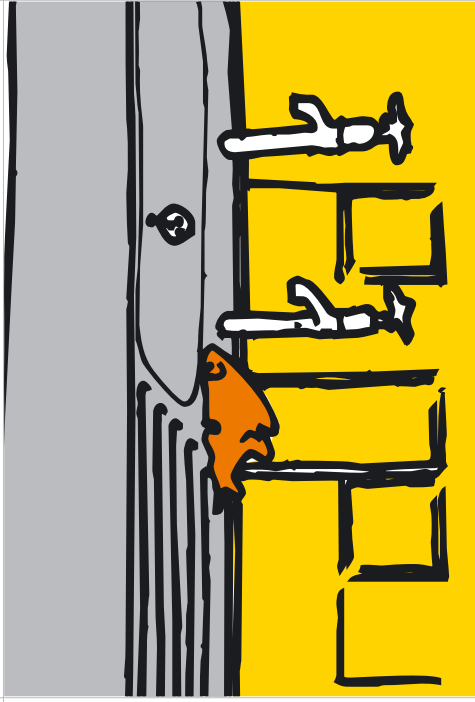


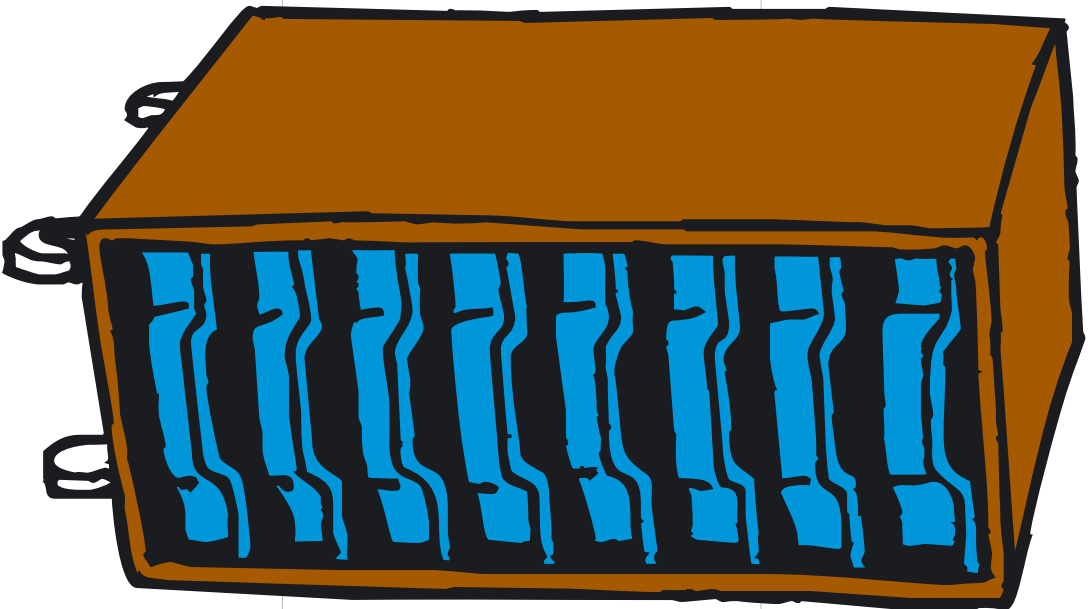
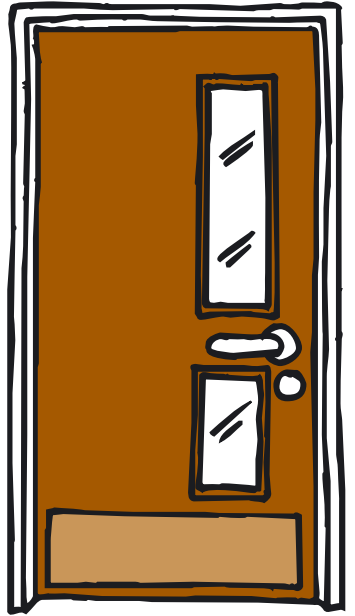
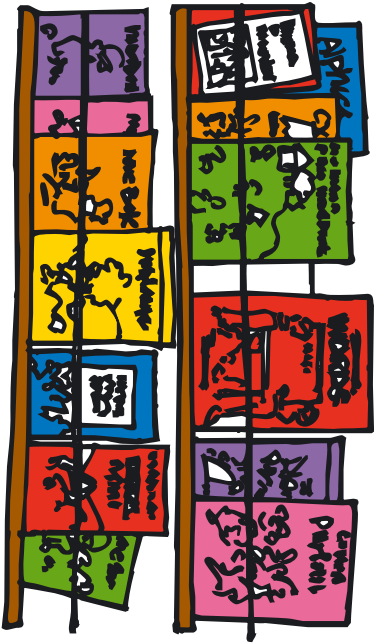
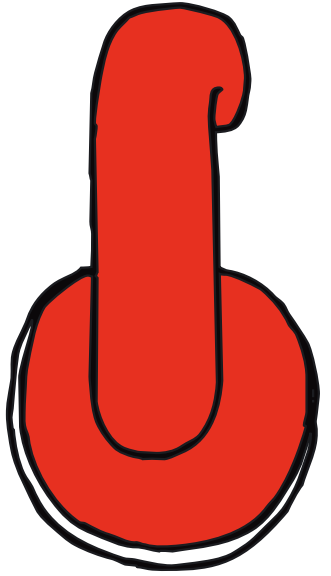
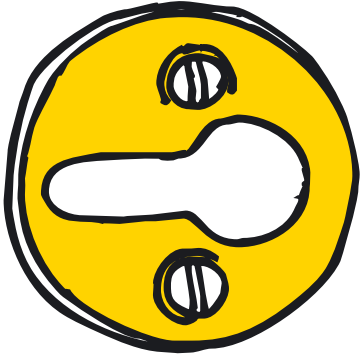


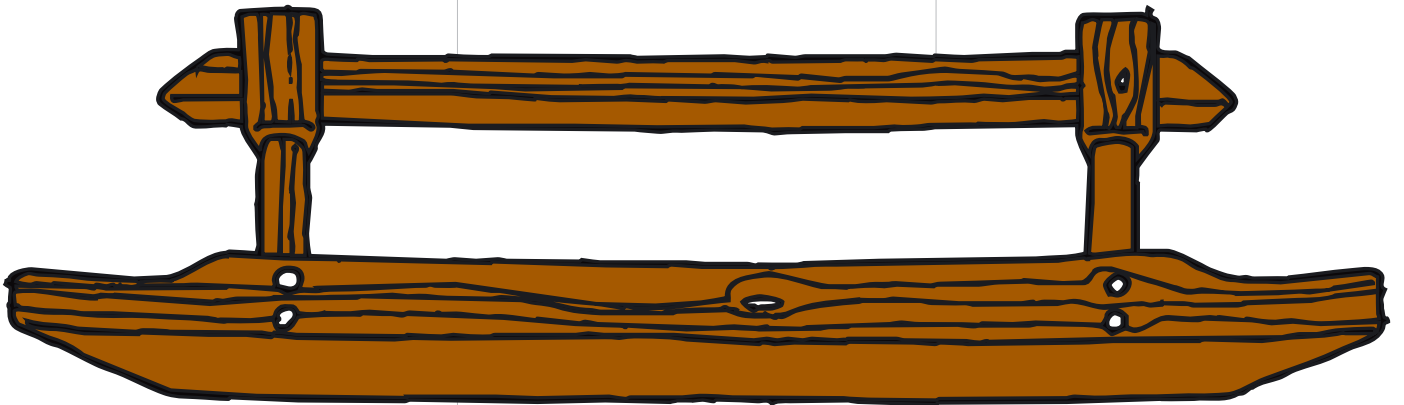
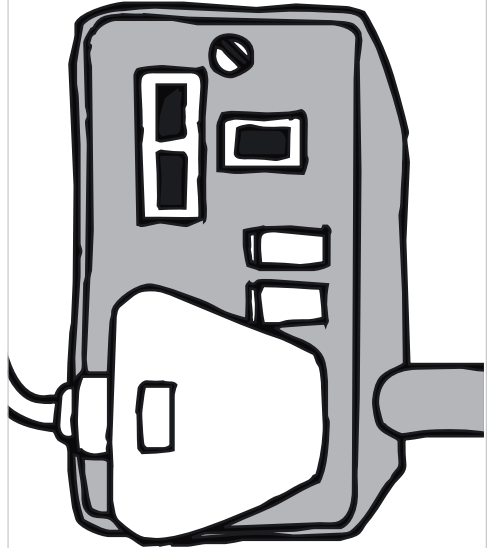
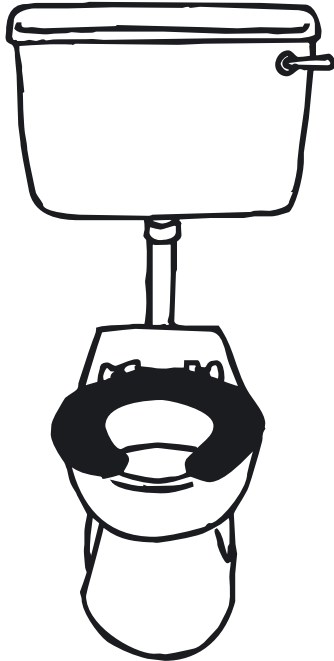
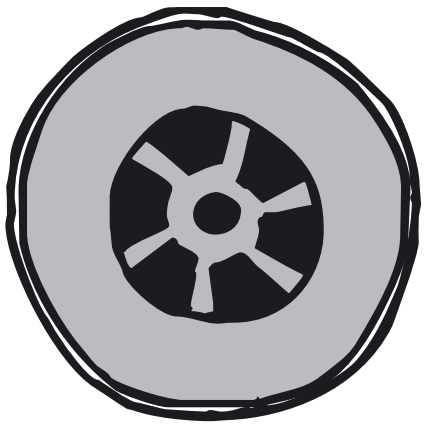
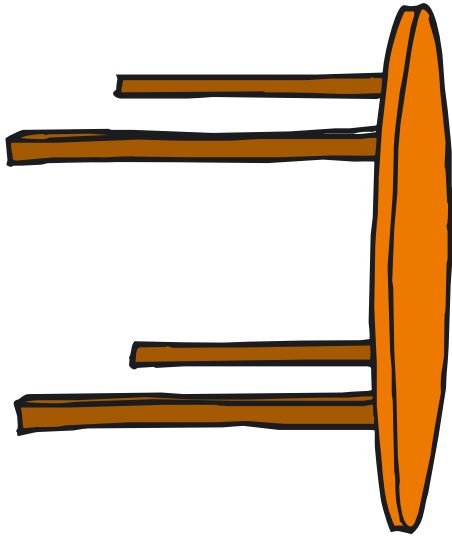
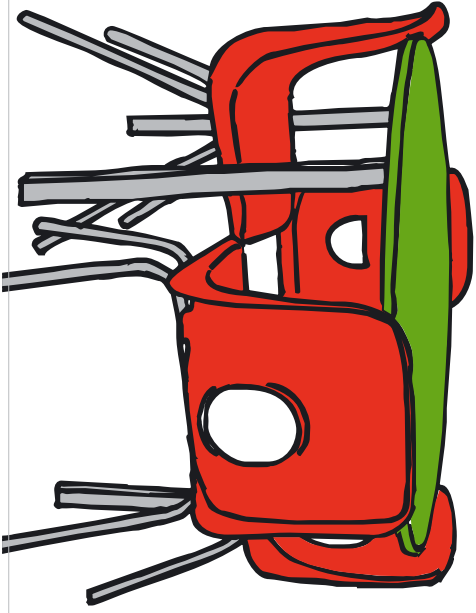


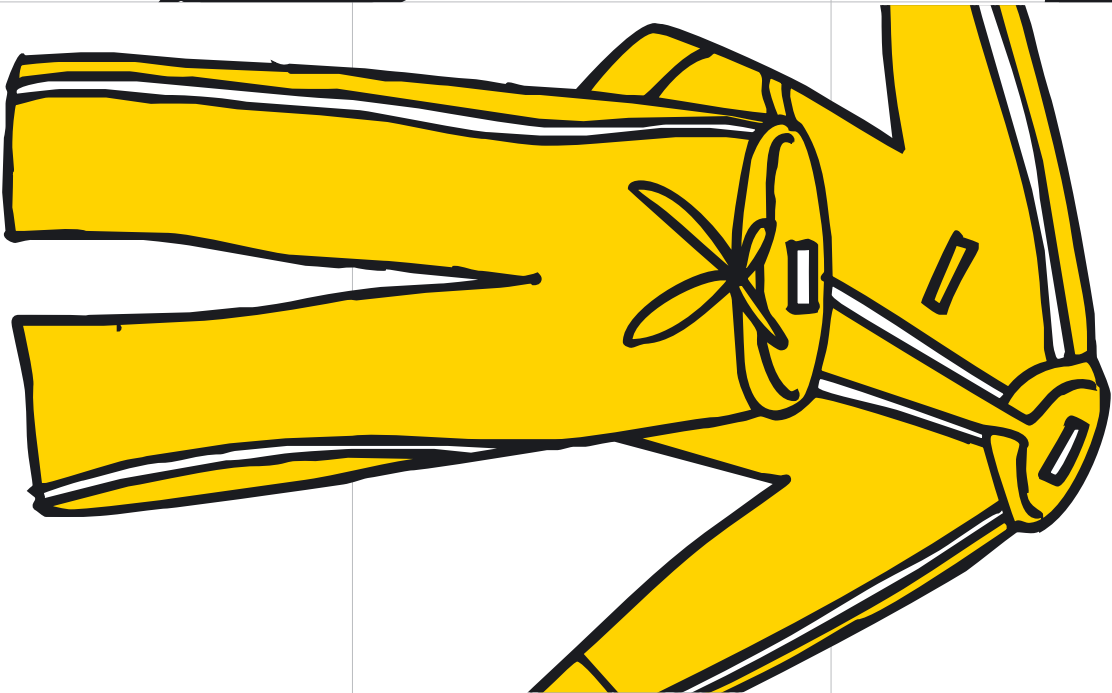
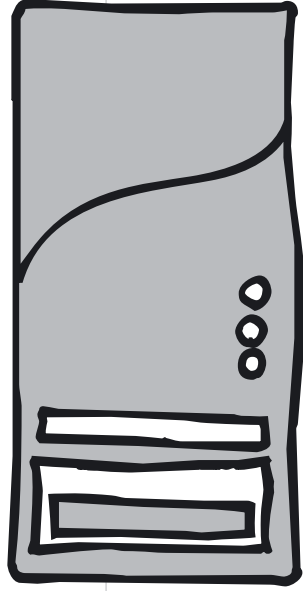
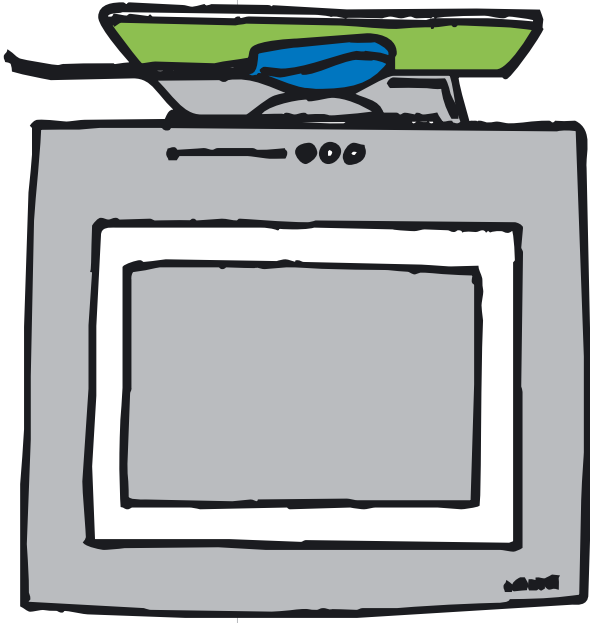


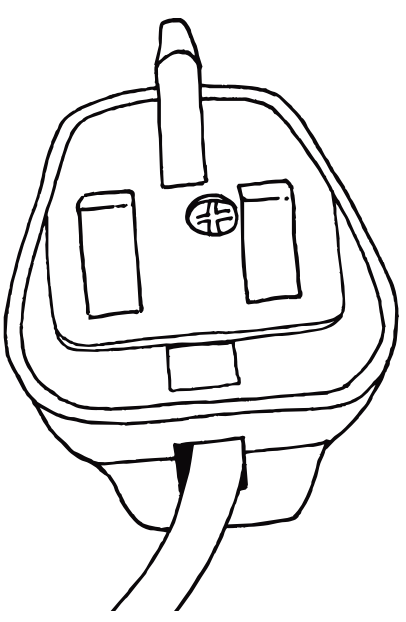
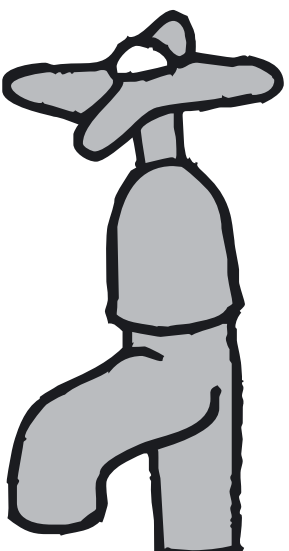
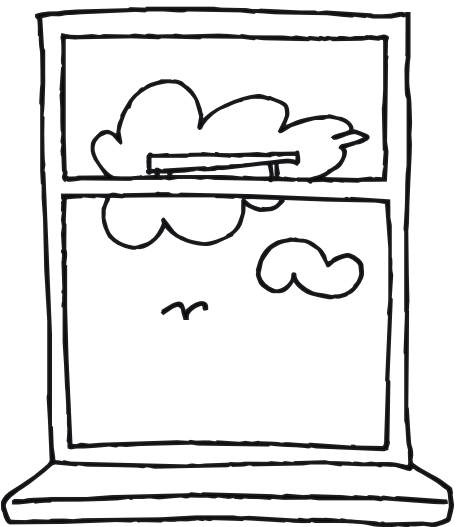












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metal

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and and

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glass

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brown

grey

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orange

red

green

pink

purple

black

Classroom Equipment

book bag

keyboard

felt pen

protractor

floppy disk

printer

computer

compass

folders

paper

set square

book

exercise book

mouse

paint brush

apron

rubber pencil

crayon

pencil sharpener

ruler

School Fittings

door handle coat peg

key hole plug

light switch carpet

plug hole curtains

key blind

tap

plug

electric plug

and socket

Clothes

swimming trunks

swimming costume

school bag t-shirt

sweatshirt trousers

tracksuit leotard

cardigan

PE bag

belt

socks

tights

tie

shirt

coat

dress

shorts

towel

spots

stripes

checks

School Furniture

window

lockers

door

table

bench

toilet

chair

sink

table and chairs

book corner

filling cabinet

drawers

cupboard

Made from metal

Made from plastic

Made from wood

Made from fabric

Made from glass

Made from wax

Made from paper

Made from rubber

Made from leather

Made from many things